

People find it difficult to resist your persuasive manner.

Sing and rejoice; fortune is smiling on you.

You are one of the people who "goes places in life."

The sky's the limit this month.

Your dearest wish will come true.

A cheerful letter or message is on its way to you.

Good news will be brought to you by mail.

You are sympathetic, helpful, and generous.

Your future is as boundless as the lofty heaven.

Advancement will come with hard work. 98784

God helps those who don't try to take over His work.

Be self-reliant and your success is assured.

No vice is as bad as advice.

The great fault in women is the desire to be like men.

You have a yearning for perfection. Manners are the happy ways of doing things.

You will soon meet with ingratitude.

It is God who makes women beautiful; it is the devil who makes them pretty.

Woe to him that is alone when he falls; for he has not another to help him up.

Confucius say: Honeymoon over when husband looks in paper instead of wife's eyes. You'll never have to worry much; for luck is on your side.

You have the power to influence all with whom you come in contact.

The eyes believe themselves; the ears believe other people.

The will of the people is the best law.

The current year will bring you much happiness.

Watch your relationships with other people carefully; be reserved.

Attitudes are contagious—yours are worth catching.

Don't press your luck too far 75726

Show your love and your love will be returned. 707

Don't press your luck too far

He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding.

Now is the time to try something new.

You will always get what you want through your charm and personality.

With clothes the new are the best; with friends the old are the best.

You have a fine capacity for the enjoyment of life.

Luck in love is bad today; but in business sure to pay.

You are very positive, somewhat cynical, and possess considerable latent talent.

You could accomplish many things that you give up in despair.

Loan no money on this day; if you do they'll not repay.

You have great ability, but it lies dormant until a serious crisis awakens you.

Guard against impotence

A woman is like your shadow follow her, she flies; fly from her, she follows.

You are a good listener.

A sudden journey with a pleasant fellow traveler is in your

in quiet and silence the truth is made clear.

Your future is as boundless as the lofty heaven.

Butter Battles

(A flyer cum subzine devoted to the play of 85A.)

The address is still 3702 Tarragona Lane, Austin TX 78727 though it looks like we'll be moving out to the Bay area (probably SF or Palo Alto) sometime next Spring.

I will not start a new game BEFORE we move, but please drop me a line if you are interested. No game fee and four-week deadlines. New game would NOT have pre-NMR deposits, and I'd make a few other simplifications in the HRs.

I've cooked up a variant (of Mark Lew's "deviant dip" variant) which I'll also offer openings in if I do decide to continue GMing. So here are the rules for... "Radical Dip":

- 1) Before S01 and every spring or fall, each player may propose a variant rule.
- 2) Every spring or fall each player votes for one or two of the rules proposed last time.
- 4) The rule getting the most votes goes into effect immediately. In case of a tie they all pass (in randomly determined order). Each player's votes are weighted according to the number of supply centers they own.
- 5) Victory criterion is a majority of centers.

The only substantive change between "deviant" and "Radical" is underlined above. As in Lew's game, GMing will be highly subjective... no, interpretive is a more accurate word.

"Zwiilniks" (1985A) Autumn/Winter 1904 and Spring 1905, 11/16/85

Autumn:

France: **NMR!!!** dislodged F TYR disbanded.

Supply center chart:

England: bel, BRE, den, edi, hol, liv, lon, por, SPA - 8/9 - may build 1.

France: par - 3/1 - remove 2.

Italy: MAR, mun, nap, rom, tri, tun, ven - 6/7 - may build 1.

Russia: ANK, ber, bud, bul, GRE, kie, mos, NWY, rum, ser, sev, stp, swe, vie, war - 12/15 - may build 3.

Turkey: con, smy - 3/2 - remove 1.

Winter:

England: builds A EDI.

France: **NMR!!!** A RUH and A TUS removed.

Italy: builds A VEN.

Russia: builds A MOS, F STP(sc), and A WAR.

Turkey: removes A CON.

Spring:

England (Stephen Wilcox, 5300 W. Gulf Bank #103, Houston TX 77088)

A bel-RUH, A bre-PIC, F den-SWE, A edi-NWY, F hol-HEL, F NTH C A adi-NWY, F NWG S A edi-NWY, F SKA S den-SWE, F spa(sc)-POR.

France (Larry Peery, Box 8416, San Diego CA 92102)

NMR!!! A PAR H. The standby is Steve Langley, 2296 Eden Roc Lane #1, Sacramento CA 95825.

Italy (Steve Arnawoodian, 602 Hemlock Cr., Lansdale PA 19446)

F ION-alb, A mar-BUR, A MUN-kie, F NAP S F TYR-ion, A TRI-ser, F TYR-ion, A VEN-tri .

Russia (Ronald Spitzer, 761 N. Bundy Dr., Los Angeles CA 90049)

A ANK S F bla-CON, A arm-SMY, F BAL S F hal-DEN, A BER-mun, F bla-CON, A GRE S A rum-BUL, F hel-DEN, A KIE S F hal-DEN, A LIV-edi\imp\, A mos-STP, A nwy-swe\DsI: fin, Dsb\, A rum-BUL, A SER S A rum-BUL, F stp(sc)-GUL, A war-SIL .

Turkey (Paul Milewski, Box 256, Batavia, OH 45103)

F AEG S F ALB-ion, F ALB-ion .

GAME NOTES:

- Deadline is Friday, **December 13th** for Summer/Fall 1905.
- Tom Boyd did not submit orders. Paul Milewski did and is the new TURKEY. Thank you Paul!

- The ENGLAND/RUSSIA draw and the concession to RUSSIA both failed. ENGLAND, FRANCE, RUSSIA, and TURKEY all vetoed both proposals by not voting. There is a new proposal: please vote on an ITALY/RUSSIA draw.
- The Russian LIV-EDI order is impossible because the unit is in the wrong LIV. Qute, eh?
- NMRing player(s) are reminded that they need to send new \$5.00 NMR deposits with orders to continue play. The NMR prize pool is now \$25.00. (Paul, the deposits/pool apply to original players only.)
- Seems to me the NMR pool is getting pretty big. How about we donate any excess over \$20.00 to "hobby services." Please send me your thoughts on that with your orders. (If I don't hear from you I'll assume you don't care!)
- Standbys: J. Early(ENGLAND), M. Fleming, Givan, Kohn(RUSSIA), S. Langlay(FRANCE), and Luedi(GM). Holler if you want on or off the list. Thank you all!

PRESS:

woody-gm;\I Another season without a map? What's next a season without moves?

gm-woody;\CSM Anytime now, anytime.

woody-world;\I I suggest you mail your orders in minshall is too incompetent to take phone orders.

world-woody;\CSM But if you harass him couldn't he stop correcting your punctuation and spelling?

And what could you do about that?

woody-Minshall;\I I didn't request that separation. The separation I requested was from this game & Ellis' gming.

me-woody;\CSM Baloney. What are you doing in his gunboat game if you don't like his GMing?

You did say you're TURKEY in Hodding Carter, didn't you?

woody-France;\I Sorry Larry I have to disagree! This game is valid!

That was 8.5. Much delayed IM enclosad! Map too!

Piffle!

IMPEERIALIST MARGINS

IMPEERIALIST MARGINS was the journal of FRANCE in 1985 A, the game carried in BUTTER BATTLES, game mastered by Conrad Minshall and published by Greg Ellis. It was published by Larry Peery, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102.....

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For the last time I send you all greetings. Depending on whether you get a copy of BUTTER BATTLES or this mailing first you will know that I have quit this game.

It was an extremely tough decision to do so because, unlike most game resignations this one is not prompted by any action on the part of the publisher, the gamesmaster, or another player. Nor is it prompted by the fact that England, bless his heart, stabbed me last season. No, all the players, the gamesmaster, and the publisher and, and I hope will continue to be my friends.

So why quit? For a typically Peeriesque reason, to make a point. This game is not turning out to be what I expected. What I expected was a postal DIPLOMACY game run on fairly consistent terms. That is not what I have gotten.

Two things have upset me about this game to the point where I feel I have no recourse except to quit.

First, one player has used the telephone to such an extent that he has made this into a phone game. Unfortunately it is not a phone game that I entered. Nor is it a phone game among equals. Ron Spitzer, the Russian player, has used the phone from the beginning of this game to a far greater degree than all the other players combined. He has used it in his communications with the players magnificently. More importantly he has used it to us unfair advantage with the gamesmaster and/or publisher. For example, Ron knew the results of the last seasons moves nine days before I received the official results from the gamesmaster. I know he knew because he called me the night of the deadline (or the day thereafter) and told me the results (e.g. how England had stabbed me and taken Portugal). And then I waited nine days for the results from the gamesmaster. In the meantime I could do nothing because I wasn't sure Ron had told me the truth. In the meantime he had a nine day headstart on his Diplomacy. And no, I don't think it is my responsibility to call the gamesmaster to find out the results of the game.

So, while I could deal with a player using the phone to his advantage in negotiating with the other players, I could not and will not deal with a player using the phone to his benefit in dealing with the gamesmaster.

This is not the first time this has happened. The same thing happened in the Demo Game in DIPLOMACY WORDD where Edi Birsan (as Austria) used his telephone to great advantage in dealing with the other players.

Both Ron and Edi and have spent hundreds and hundreds of dollars on phone calls to the other players and the gamesmaster. I can't fight that. I won't attempt to.

I simply choose not to participate in such a game.

Ron knows this is how I feel. I told him so. Conrad knows it as well since I told it to him over the phone during PEERICON weekend. Greg is also aware of it. Now I want the rest of you to know it as well.

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I do not wish to be involved in a game in which one player has an unfair advantage over the other players, regardless of whether it is legal or not according to the house rules. Nor do I wish to be involved in a game in which one player has information about the results of the game days and days prior to any of the other players---unless he chooses to make them privy to those results.

So, I am going.

I am not asking the BNC to declare this an irregular game. That would be insulting to Conrad and Greg. It would also ruin Ron's win, if it should happen. To me it isn't worth it.

However, I have specified that I do not wish to be considered as resigning from this game and that I do not want a replacement player for France. I want France placed in civil disorder. That may, I hope, give England and/or Germany, a chance to recoup a bit and, maybe, give Russia a run for his phone line.

If, for some reason, a replacement player is put in the game as France; then I will ask the BNC to declare this game irregular.

Let France die an unnatural death. As for me, I regret nothing.
